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**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Kindly amend the claims as shown in the following complete listing of all claims:*

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 28, wherein the switching means ~~act~~ acts on each of the first shutoff elements according to the following single sequence of operations:
  - opening each first shutoff element for a preset time and/or quantity of first or second fluid until the first branch is full of the selected fluid and the fluid is discharged from the handpieces; and
  - closing each of the first shutoff elements after the first branch is full of the selected fluid and the fluid is discharged from the handpieces.
3. (currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 28, wherein the switching means ~~act~~ acts on each of the first, second and third shutoff elements in such a way as to perform the following operations in succession:
  - switching the supply of the first branch from the main line to the second branch through a combination or succession of operations to close the third shutoff element on the main line and to open the second shutoff element on the second branch;
  - opening each of the first shutoff elements for a preset time or quantity of fluid, so as to create a preset flow of the second fluid from the second branch into the first branch, and thus completely renewing the fluid in the first branch with the flow of the second fluid from the second branch until the second fluid is discharged from the handpieces;